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May 28, 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I have your letter of May 19 enclosing a copy of the letter you wrote to Dick Russell.

I agree with him that it would not be good judgment to ask for an increased authorization at this session of the Congress. I also know, of course, that building costs are increasing all the time and, therefore, it is wiser to make your contract as soon as possible.

Naturally, I am disappointed that this is not going to house all your employees as you had hoped. However, it is important that the building be so constructed that it can be enlarged at a later date, when, as and if it is wise to do so. Possibly this can be discussed, as you say, early in the next session of the Congress. If the next Congress increases your authorization, little time in the end will be lost.

I will, of course, be glad to discuss this with you in more detail at any time you see fit. I also believe that the Subcommittee should get together with you some time in the next month.

Best regards!

Sincerely,



Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senator

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